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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 13, 2001

To: Electricity Oversight Board Members

Ms. Kari Lynn Dohn, Member Mr. Bruce G. Willison, Member Senator Debra Bowen, Member

Assemblyman Roderick D. Wright, Member

From: M. Catherine George, Staff Counsel

Re: Agenda Item 4

Consideration and Possible Appointment of Mr. Michael A. Kahn as the Chair of the California Independent System Operator Corporation Board of

Governors

Appointment of Chairperson

The current Amended and Restated Bylaws (bylaws) of the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) provide that the Electricity Oversight Board appoints the chairperson of the CAISO governing board. The bylaws do not identify a duration associated with such an appointment. Since the new CAISO governing board was constituted, Mr. Michael Kahn has served as acting chair.

Staff recommend that the Board formalize Mr. Kahn's role as chair through the following motion:

MOVED, that the Electricity Oversight Board hereby appoints Mr. Michael A. Kahn as the chairperson of the CAISO governing Board.

Selection of Vice-Chairperson

Staff bring to your attention a related matter for your consideration. The CAISO bylaws do not provide for the selection of a governor to serve in the capacity of vice-chairperson.

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¹ This provision is contained in Section 4.3 of the CAISO bylaws. Agenda Item 5 contemplates amendments to the current bylaws in order to conform the bylaws to requirements of Assembly Bill 5X. The authority of the EOB to appoint the CAISO governing board chairperson is not affected by the proposed amendments.

However, the previous governing board found it desirable to have a governing board member designated to serve in that capacity. Should you so desire, you are free to request that the CAISO chairperson consider selecting another sitting governor to serve as vice-chairperson. The CAISO governing board may also choose to designate a vice-chairperson in the absence of a request from this Board.

Attachment

Draft Resolution